

**OJP Science Advisory Board  
Proposed Members**

- 1. Edward Mulvey, Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Law and Psychiatry Program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh *[proposed Chair]***

Dr. Edward Mulvey's research focuses on violence and mental illness, prediction of future violence and crime, juvenile offenders, service provision in the juvenile justice system, and criminal justice policy. His research has investigated how clinicians make judgments about the risk posed by adults with mental illness and juvenile offenders, and what treatments are appropriate in these types of cases. He is also interested in the performance of public agencies serving criminal justice-involved individuals with mental health problems.

- 2. Andrea Cabral, Secretary, Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety**

Andrea J. Cabral, Esq. was sworn in by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick on January 23, 2013 as the Executive Secretary of Public Safety. From 2002 to 2013, she was the Sheriff of Suffolk County and the first female sheriff in Massachusetts' history. Following a call by the Stern Commission for significant reform in the Sheriff's Department, she was initially appointed to the position and won election in 2004 and 2010. She is a past president and past vice-president of the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association. Secretary Cabral was an Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office from 1993-2002. As Chief of District Court and Community Prosecutions, she trained and supervised 48 prosecutors in Suffolk County's eight district courts and the Boston Municipal Court. She also created and was Chief of Suffolk County's first major felony Domestic Violence Unit.

- 3. James Lepkowski, Professor, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan**

James Lepkowski is a survey methodologist at the Institute for Social Research where he directs the Michigan Program in Survey Methodology. He has been on the faculty of Biostatistics and the Institute for Social Research since 1982, conducting research on survey sampling and estimation topics as well as teaching courses on surveys and related topics. He is also a member of the faculty at the Joint Program in Survey Methodology at the University of Maryland, a federally funded degree program created in the early 1990s to train present and future generations of survey methodologists in the federal statistical system.

- 4. Colin Loftin, Professor, School of Criminal Justice, University of Albany, SUNY**

Colin Loftin is co-director of the Violence Research Group, a research collaboration with colleagues at the University at Albany and the University of Maryland, that conducts research on the causes and consequences of interpersonal violence. The major themes of the research are: (1) understanding violence as a social process extending beyond

individual action; (2) improving the quality of data on the incidence and nature of crime; (3) the design and evaluation of violence prevention policies; and (4) the investigation of population risk factors for violence.

**5. Tracey Meares, Walton Hale Hamilton Professor, Yale Law School**

Tracey L. Meares is the Walton Hale Hamilton Professor of Law at Yale Law School. Before arriving at Yale Law School, she was Max Pam Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Studies in Criminal Justice at the University of Chicago Law School. She has held positions clerking for the Honorable Harlington Wood, Jr., of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and as a trial attorney in the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice. Since 2004, she has served on the Committee on Law and Justice, a National Research Council Standing Committee of the National Academy of Sciences.

**6. Rick Rosenfeld, Curators Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri - St. Louis**

Richard Rosenfeld is the Curators' Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri—St. Louis. His research interests include the social sources of violent crime, crime statistics, and crime control policy. His current research focuses on explaining U.S. crime trends. Dr. Rosenfeld served as President of the American Society of Criminology in 2010.

**7. David Weisburd, Distinguished Professor, Director - Center for Evidence Based Crime Policy, Department of Criminology, Law & Society, George Mason University**

David Weisburd is a Distinguished Professor at George Mason University and Director of the Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy. He also holds a joint appointment as the Walter E. Meyer Professor of Law and Criminal Justice at the Hebrew University Faculty of Law in Jerusalem. He serves as a Senior Fellow at the Police Foundation in Washington DC and is Chair of its Research Advisory Committee. Professor Weisburd is an elected Fellow of the American Society of Criminology and of the Academy of Experimental Criminology.

**8. Jim Bueermann, President, Police Foundation**

Jim Bueermann is the president of the Police Foundation, a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting innovation and improvement in policing through its research, technical assistance, training, professional services, and communication programs. As president, Bueermann directs all foundation operations and is a voting member of the board of directors. Jim Bueermann worked for the Redlands Police Department for 33 years, serving in every unit within the department. He was appointed chief of police and director of Housing, Recreation and Senior Services in 1998. He retired in June 2011.

**9. Nicole Allen, Associate Professor of Community Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Broadly speaking, Dr. Allen's interests include the processes and outcomes associated with community collaboration (e.g., councils, task forces, partnerships) and systems change in a) the community response to intimate partner violence and b) the development of a System of Care to respond to youth involved in or at risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system. In particular, her research examines 1) what aspects of the council climate, characteristics and setting facilitate their collective efforts; 2) how power relationships are negotiated and how conflicts are effectively resolved within these settings; 3) the conditions under and mechanism by which collaborative efforts promote systems change; and 4) the intermediate and long term effects of the council efforts (e.g., social capital, interagency coordination, institutionalized change and systems change).

**10. Anthony Braga, Don M. Gottfredson Professor of Evidence-Based Criminology, Rutgers University**

Dr. Braga's research involves collaborating with criminal justice, social service, and community-based organizations to address illegal access to firearms, reduce gang and group-involved violence, and control crime hot spots. Since 1995, Braga has worked closely with criminal justice practitioners in Boston to reduce youth gun violence. He was a member of the Boston Gun Project working group that implemented the well-known Operation Ceasefire gang violence reduction strategy that was associated with a 63% reduction in youth homicides in Boston during the mid to late 1990s. Between 2007 and 2013, Braga served as the Chief Policy Advisor to Commissioner Edward F. Davis of the Boston Police Department. In this role, Braga worked with Boston Police command staff and officers to implement the Compstat management accountability system, reinvigorate the Operation Ceasefire strategy, and develop the Safe Street Team program which uses community problem solving techniques to control violent crime hot spots.

**11. Sue Burton, Director, Florida Statistical Analysis Center**

Sue Burton is the Director of the Florida Statistical Analysis Center (FSAC) and past president of the Justice Research and Statistics Association. She has been the FSAC Director since 1995 and has over 20 years of experience working with large research data sets created from administrative records (CHR, UCR, DOC, etc.) to help policy-makers and researchers understand crime in Florida. Her prior criminal justice experience includes working for the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, evaluating officer training and standards programs, conducting strategic planning, and developing an officer information system. She also served as a researcher for the Florida Supreme Court in the areas of sentencing guidelines, jury management, plea bargaining, and court information systems.

**12. Jeffrey Butts, Director, Research and Evaluation Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice--City University of New York**

Jeffrey A. Butts is director of the Research and Evaluation Center at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York (CUNY). Previously, he was a research fellow with Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, director of the Program on Youth Justice at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC, and senior research associate at the National Center for Juvenile Justice in Pittsburgh. Dr. Butts has managed more than \$16 million of research projects and published two books, dozens of monographs and reports for government agencies and foundations, as well as articles in academic and peer-reviewed journals. He began his career as a drug abuse counselor with the juvenile court in Eugene, Oregon. He holds a B.A. from the University of Oregon, an MSW from Portland State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

**13. Elsa Chen, Associate Professor, Santa Clara University**

Elsa Chen teaches American Politics and Public Policy and is the Director of the Program in Public Sector Studies. Her current research focuses on criminal justice sentencing policy, including racial and ethnic disparities in sentencing outcomes and the effects of mandatory minimum sentencing policies such as California's "Three Strikes and You're Out" law. She has also published work on the impacts of the internet and e-mail on communication among public officials and members of the public. Before coming to SCU, Prof. Chen worked as a policy analyst in the criminal justice program at RAND.

**14. Robert Crutchfield, Professor of Sociology and Adjunct Professor of American Ethnic Studies and Social Work, University of Washington - Seattle**

Robert Crutchfield is a Professor in the Department of Sociology and Adjunct Professor of American Ethnic Studies, and Social Work. He received his BA in Sociology from Thiel College in Pennsylvania, and his MA and Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. He has served two terms as department chair. His research is on labor markets and crime, and race, ethnicity and the criminal justice system. Crutchfield just finished a book on employment, labor markets, crime and delinquency that is being published by New York University Press. He is currently collaborating with colleagues at the Social Development Research group in the School of Social Work on a project studying racial differences in criminal justice experience and health outcomes resulting from early experiences, including early experiences with contact with the justice system.

**15. Alexes Harris, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Washington - Seattle**

Alexes Harris is currently an Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology at the University of Washington. Her degrees in the field of Sociology are from the University of Washington (B.A., 1997) and the University of California, Los Angeles (M.A., 1999; Ph.D., 2002). Her research and teaching areas include the juvenile justice system, race and ethnic theory, qualitative research methods, and social stratification and inequality. Dr. Harris' dissertation employed both qualitative and statistical methodologies to examine the juvenile court institution and the process of transferring minors to the adult criminal justice system in California. She is particularly interested in exploring any similarities and

differences in probation officers' characterization of youth from differing racial and ethnic backgrounds.

**16. Gregory Herek, Professor, Department of Psychology, University of California**

Professor Herek is an internationally recognized authority on prejudice against sexual minorities, anti-gay violence, and AIDS-related stigma. He received his Ph.D. in social psychology from UC Davis in 1983, then was a postdoctoral fellow at Yale University. He subsequently served as a faculty member at Yale and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York before returning to UCD, first as a research psychologist and later as a tenured professor. Professor Herek has also contributed his professional expertise to policy work involving lesbian and gay concerns and AIDS issues. In 2011, he provided invited oral and written testimony for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' hearings on Federal Enforcement of Civil Rights Laws to Protect Students Against Bullying, Violence and Harassment. In 1997, he was an invited participant at President Clinton's White House Conference on Hate Crimes.

**17. Gary LaFree, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and Director of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland - College Park**

Gary LaFree is Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and Director of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) at the University of Maryland. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from Indiana University in 1979. During 2005-2006, Dr. LaFree served as President of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Dr. LaFree was named a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology in 2006 and a member of the National Academy of Science's Committee on Law and Justice in 2008.

**18. Ojmarrh Mitchell, Associate Professor, University of South Florida**

Ojmarrh Mitchell is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology at the University of South Florida. Professor Mitchell earned his PhD in Criminal Justice and Criminology from the University of Maryland with a doctoral minor in Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation. He has held positions at the University of Cincinnati, University of Nevada Las Vegas, and the Urban Institute. His research interests include courts and sentencing, race and crime, drugs and crime, and meta-analysis. Professor Mitchell's past research includes a meta-analysis of race and sentencing research, the National Evaluation of the Breaking the Cycle Demonstration Project (with Adele Harrell), the National Evaluation of Juvenile Correctional Facilities (with Doris L. MacKenzie), an experimental evaluation of the Maryland Correctional Boot Camp (with Doris L. MacKenzie), and meta-analytic reviews of the effectiveness of drug courts and incarceration-based drug treatment in reducing recidivism (with David B. Wilson and Doris L. MacKenzie).

**19. Samuel Myers, Chair of the Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice, University of Minnesota - Minneapolis**

Samuel L. Myers, Jr., is Roy Wilkins Professor of Human Relations and Social Justice and directs the Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice. He specializes in the impacts of social policies on the poor. Myers is a pioneer in the use of applied econometric techniques to: Examine racial disparities in crime; Detect illegal discrimination in credit markets; Assess the impacts of welfare on family stability; Evaluate the effectiveness of government transfers in reducing poverty; Determine the impacts of food pricing on low-income communities; and Detect disparities and discrimination in government contracting. He is a national authority on the methodology of conducting disparity studies.

**20. Alex Piquero, Ashbel Smith Professor of Criminology, University of Texas at Dallas**

Alex R. Piquero is the Ashbel Smith Professor of Criminology at the University of Texas at Dallas. His research interests include criminal behavior and mental health; adolescent offending; and crime and immigration.

**21. Lisa Poupart, Associate Professor of First Nations Studies, University of Wisconsin Green Bay**

Lisa Poupart is an Associate Professor of Humanistic Studies, First Nation Studies and Womens Studies at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay. She also serves as the chair and advisor of the First Nation Studies program. Her scholarly publications and research are concerned with social problems in American Indian reservation and urban communities. Her primary research interest is concerned with internalized oppression in American Indian communities and the social problems that stem from this phenomenon including domestic violence, childhood sexual abuse, addictions, and juvenile delinquency. She also serves as a consultant on issues concerning American Indian domestic violence and juvenile delinquency with the Department of Justice and National Institute of Justice. She is currently involved with a number of state and national initiatives to standardize First Nation Studies curriculum and core knowledge. She holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Justice Studies from Arizona State University with a concentration in American Indian law and federal Indian policy.

**22. Jerry Ratcliffe, Professor and Chair of Criminal Justice, Center for Security and Crime Science at Temple University**

Dr Jerry Ratcliffe is Professor of Criminal Justice and Director of the Center for Security and Crime Science at Temple University, Philadelphia. He is a former police officer with London's Metropolitan Police (UK) where he served for several years on patrol duties, in an intelligence and information unit, and as a member of the Diplomatic Protection Group. Due to a winter mountaineering accident while ice climbing in the Scottish Highlands, he left the police service after 11 years. He completed a first class B.Sc. with honors in Geography at the University of Nottingham (UK) and has a Ph.D. from the same institution. As a lecturer in policing (intelligence) based at the New South Wales Police College he coordinated Australia's National Strategic Intelligence Course. Dr Ratcliffe also worked as a senior research analyst with the Australian Institute of Criminology, where he conducted

one of the first evaluations of an intelligence-led policing operation. Since moving to the US in 2003, he has worked with numerous agencies and most closely the Philadelphia Police Department. He was the lead researcher on the Philadelphia Foot Patrol Experiment, a large-scale study of the benefit of foot patrol in violent crime hotspots, which won the inaugural IACP Excellence in Research award. He is a research adviser to the Philadelphia Police Commissioner and is currently working with the Criminal Investigative Division of the FBI.

**23. Beth Richie, Professor of Criminal Justice and Gender and Women's Studies,  
University of Illinois at Chicago**

Beth Richie is engaged in several research projects designed to explore the relationship between violence against women in low-income African American communities and violence. The specific focus of one study is girls who are both violent and perpetrators of violence. Another project is looking at the factors that influence recidivism and re-arrest rates for women and young people being released from a large urban jail. A third project is concerned with the public policy and social factors that lead to the rise in incarceration rates of women and conditions of confinement once they are sentenced. Currently Dr. Richie is leading a multi-million dollar research sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation researching women and youth issues at Rikers Island Correctional Facility.

**24. Ben Saunders, Associate Director of the National Crime Victims Research and  
Treatment, Medical University of South Carolina**

Dr. Ben Saunders is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC and Associate Director of the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment. His research, training, and clinical interests include the initial and long term impact of violence and abuse on children and adolescents; the epidemiology of trauma, violence, and abuse; treatment approaches for abused children and their families; the use of technology in mental health training and service delivery; and innovative methods for disseminating and implementing evidence supported interventions in community service agencies.

**25. Avelardo Valdez, Professor, School of Social Work, University of Southern  
California**

Avelardo Valdez is currently a professor at the USC School of Social Work. He was previously a professor at the Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston and Director of the Center for Drug & Social Policy Research. He obtained his Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles. A primary focus of his research has been on the relationship between substance abuse and violence and health issues among high-risk groups. His research projects have been among "hidden populations" such as youth and prison gang members, injecting and non-injecting heroin users and sex workers on the U.S./Mexico border. He has published over 75 journal articles and chapters and academic publications including two books. His most recent book is entitled Mexican American Girls and Gang Violence: Beyond Risk (2007).

## **26. John Wetzel, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections**

Gov. Tom Corbett nominated John E. Wetzel as secretary of the Department of Corrections on December 17, 2010, and he was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on May 3, 2011. Secretary Wetzel is responsible for the management and operations of the Corrections Department which houses more than 51,000 inmates, has approximately 15,000 employees, and a nearly \$2 billion budget. With more than 23 years of experience in the corrections field, his career began in 1989 as an officer at the Lebanon County Correctional Facility, followed by a transfer to the Berks County Prison, where he held the positions of correctional officer, treatment counselor, supervisor of treatment services and training academy director finally culminating to the position of warden of the Franklin County Jail in 2002.